

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCESSED FOOD FUND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had contemplated on the proposal of setting up a Processed Food Fund with 500 crore rupees;
- (b) if so, whether 400 crore rupees were to be mobilized from financial institutions and 100 crore rupees were to be mobilized from the Government exchequer for this fund;
- (c) if not, the outline of the proposal;
- (d) the decision taken by the Government to implement this proposal, so far; and
- (e) the reasons for delay in taking this decision?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (e): The proposal for setting up a Processed Food Development fund to make available adequate finance for the thrust areas of food processing sector initially envisaged mobilization of Rs.400 crores from financial institutions besides Rs. 100 crores from Government. As the creation of fund envisages financial issues of complex nature, consultation has been initiated with financial institutions such as Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India (ICICI), etc. A token provision of Rs. 1 crore has been included in the Budget Provision for this purpose for the year 2000-01.